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Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Kevin Gushiken

Song

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Reading 1: The Last Supper

David Lane
Matthew 26:17-30

Song

How Great Thou Art

Reading 2: The Garden

Lissette Corpuz
Matthew 26:36-46

Song

I'm Amazed

Reading 3: The Arrest

Bernie Jeske
Matthew 26:47-56

Song

At The Cross

Reading 4: Before the Sanhedrin

Pastor Jason Wilson
Matthew 26:57-68

Reading 5: Before Pilate

Taylor Jeske
Matthew 27:11-31

Song

Lamb of God

Reading 6: The Crucifixion

Nathan Frederick
Matthew 27:32-44

Reflection

Pastor Kevin Gushiken

Communion

Song

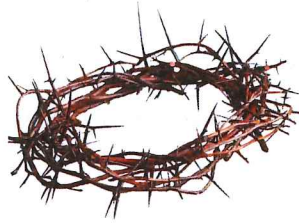
The Wonderful Cross

Reading 7: Christ's Death & Burial

Tammy Frederick
Matthew 27:45-61

Prayer of Anticipation/Benediction

Pastor Kevin Gushiken



After the service, we ask that you leave the church in complete silence to allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you and to the hearts of those around you. Think of the wondrous love of The Master and His Sacrificial Gift of Life. If you have not received this gift of eternal life, you can do that tonight if you just admit that you have sinned, believe that Jesus died for you, that His death was the complete payment for your sins, and invite Him to be your Savior. "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

What is a Tenebrae Service?

Tenebrae (Service of Darkness) is one of the oldest services of Christendom. The name comes from the first words of a Latin anthem "Tenebrae Factae Sunt" (There Was Darkness). It represents the darkness that fell over the earth as Jesus, the Son of God, was crucified.

The service consists of a series of Scripture readings, hymns, and reflections all pointing to the fact that we have been accomplices to the sufferings of Christ, and yet have received His abundant love and mercy.

The sanctuary lights symbolize Christ who is the light of the world. As the passion narrative unfolds, darkness increases as the sanctuary lights are dimmed.

At the conclusion, a candle is lit reminding us that death only seemed to have triumphed over Christ. The light anticipates the wonder of Easter Day and our Lord's triumphant resurrection from the dead!